



## Syracuse University Environmental Health and Safety Services

# Vehicle Idling Prohibition Guidance Document

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This guidance document provides information regarding vehicle idling prohibitions to comply with NYSDEC heavy duty vehicle idling laws.

In compliance with this prohibition, Syracuse University operators of on-road "heavy-duty vehicles" propelled by diesel fueled and non-diesel fueled engines are prohibited from idling these vehicles for more than five (5) consecutive minutes when the vehicle is not in motion. A "heavy-duty vehicle" under this regulation is defined as a vehicle that has a weight (GVWR) exceeding 8,500 pounds and is designed for transporting persons or properties. Owners and/or department supervisors with applicable vehicles must advise drivers of this idling prohibition.

Exceptions to this idling prohibition regulation include, but are not limited to:

- a diesel or non-diesel fueled "heavy-duty vehicle" including a bus or truck that is forced to remain motionless because of traffic conditions over which the operator has no control;
- a diesel or non-diesel fueled engine that is being used to provide power for an auxiliary purpose, such as loading, discharging, mixing or processing cargo; controlling cargo temperature; construction; or when the operation of the engine is required for the purpose of maintenance;
- fire, police and public utility trucks or other vehicles performing emergency services;
- diesel fueled vehicle that is to remain motionless for a period exceeding two hours and during which period the ambient temperature is continuously below 25 degrees F.